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REGULAR PROGRAMME

BIR 102: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY

Date: APRIL 2020

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

Q1 a) Discuss five mainstream approaches to international relations theories? **(20 marks)**

b) What justifies the existence of IR as a separate field of study? **(5 marks)**

c) Bruce Russett has argued that if Democratic Peace Theory is proven to be correct, the theoretical edifice of realism will come crashing to the ground. Is he right? Why or why not?
(5 marks)

Q2. Examine the benefits and limitations of a rationalist approach to the study of international relations?
(20 Marks)

Q3. Explain five roles of IR theory in the study of world politics? **(20marks)**

Q4 a) Briefly explain the main tenets of Waltz's (1979) and Gilpin's (1981) theories of the international system and inter-state war. Can these two theories be reconciled and are they still useful in explaining post-Cold War patterns of war and peace. **(10 marks)**

b) To what extent does the influence of non-state actors like Al Qaeda or Hizbullah require a reconsideration of theories of international order and inter-state war? **(10 marks)**

Q5 Discuss how increased economic integration influences policymaking within states. (20 Marks)

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